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TO: CS Docket # 97-55 -

I would like to file a formal complaint regarding the TV rating codes.

I am against age-based ratings because their idea of what P6 is not mine.

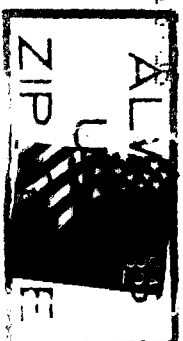
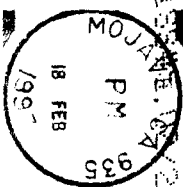
For instance, in January NBC rated a "Friends" episode as TV-P6 but it contained strong sexual content. This should have been rated "P" in my opinion.

Please consider the content-based ratings showing if there's violence, sexual content levels.

Parents would be more informed for choosing programs for their kids. Thank you.
Curtis Brown

Gene & Cyndi Gray
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Chairman Reed Hunt
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Chairman

As an American who is offended
by much of the TV Programming
I demand the enforcement of the
Broadcast Indecency Laws.

The Government has a valid
interest in protecting all Americans-
both adults and children from
indecent programming in order
to maintain a decent society.
Therefore, I want the Commission
to change its policy and enforce
the broadcast indecency
law against TV Stations.

With the dawn of the V chip the
FCC must reject the flawed
ratings proposal from motion

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picture association of America
(M.P.A.A) and substitute instead
a system the rates programming
by content, as parents demand.
Thank you & may I
hear from you soon.

Sincerely,
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Dear Chmn. Hundt:

As an American who is offended by much of the television programming, I urge you to enforce the Broadcast Indecency Laws.

The Government has a valid interest in ~~protecting~~ protecting all Americans from violent and sex-laden programming, which ~~inspire~~ inspire some viewers to commit illegal acts.

The FCC must reject the flawed ratings proposal from the Motion Picture Association of America and
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Substitute, instead, a system that rates
by content.

Sincerely,

Michael Tombarello

Michael Tombarello

Jan. 31, 1997.

Dear Mr. Hunt - I am very concerned about the increasing violence, profanity and indecency content of television programs. I would therefore ask you to:

1. Enforce the Federal broadcast indecency law against TV stations. I understand that this will involve a change in policy, but all Americans, both adults and children, have a right to be protected from indecent programming.
2. Reject the ratings proposal from the Motion Picture Asscn. of America, and substitute, instead, a system that rates programming by content, as parents and organizations concerned for the wellbeing of children, have been demanding.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for your attention to these urgent matters.

Sincerely

(Mrs.) Jill Hamze

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Mr. Reed Hundt
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Dear Sir:

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The past failure of the F. C. C. to enforce the Federal Broadcast indecency law against TV stations is the primary reason why so much TV programming is offensive.

The government has a valid interest in protecting all Americans from indecent programming. The Supreme Court has stated, "A right of the nation - to maintain a decent society."

Mr. Hundt, we want you to change the policy of the Commission and enforce the broadcast indecency law against TV stations.

With the dawn of the V-Chip the F.C.C. must reject ^{the} flawed ratings proposed by the Motion Picture Assoc. of America (MPAA) and in its place a system that rates programming by content, as parents demand.

Sincerely,

Mr. + Mrs. Bill Bebert
Boston, Int. 59643

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Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am very concerned about the deteriorating and offensive quality of television programming. I want you to do something about it!

As chairman of the FCC, you are in a position to make a change that will result in lasting improvement. I hope that you will give your attention and efforts to enforcing the Federal broadcast indecency law(s) against TV stations in violation.

I also hope that you will reject the TV industry's new rating system, which is based on the Motion Picture Association of America's age-based system for motion pictures. Instead, one should be developed that provides the information that 80% of parents preferred (in a recent study by the National Parent-Teacher Association) -- a rating system indicating levels of sex, vulgarity and violence.

As the Supreme Court has said, the nation has a right "to maintain a decent society".

Please consider this carefully -- the opportunity is a great one. Will you accept the challenge?

Sincerely,



Rebecca Kozak
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Alameda, CA 94501

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Dear Mr. Hundt:

As you are aware, there is considerable dissatisfaction in our country concerning the quality of a considerable amount of television programming. A major reason why this problem exists is because of the failure of the Federal Communications Commission to enforce the Federal broadcast indecency law.

The federal government has a valid interest in protecting all Americans--both adults and children--from indecent programming. In the words of the Supreme Court, there is "a right of the Nation... to maintain a decent society."

I strongly urge the FCC to reject the flawed ratings proposal from the Motion Picture Association of America and to substitute instead a system that rates programming by content. This is a step to be taken in addition to the proper enforcement of broadcast indecency law.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chairman Hundt:

as an American who is offended
by much of the TV programming
& demand the enforcement of the
Broadcast Indecency Laws.

The Government has a valid interest
in protecting all Americans - both
adults and children - from indecent
programming in order to maintain a
decent society. Therefore, I want
the Commission to change its policy
and enforce the broadcast indecency
law against TV stations.

With the passage of the V-Chip the FCC
must reject the flawed ratings proposal
from the Motion Picture Association of
America (MPAA) and substitute
instead a system that rates programming
by content, as parents demand.
Thank you and may I hear from
you soon.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Jane Murchison
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Dear Mr. Hundt:

You know the function of your FCC is to protect our airways from indecency, why are you not doing it? Even the Supreme Court holds that our Nation has an obligation to maintain a decent society.

I plead with you to enforce broadcasting ONLY decent material and see to it that ALL TV stations do so. Worst of all is the Motion Picture Assn. of America (MPAA) for violation in their V-Chip atrocious idea that does NOT keep their indecent, lewd stuff off the air. STOP THIS POLLUTION, NOW. Sincerely,

Dr Alfred J Kelly
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Dear Mr. Hundt,

My husband & I feel that the programs that are now appearing on television can be offensive to all ages. Would it be possible to enforce the Broadcast indecency law against television stations.

A new rating system like the type the Cable HBO station uses would be more useful for parents & grandparents. There are many PG movies that are more offensive than R rated movies, since each family has different opinions.

I do hope you can enforce a new ruling that would be easier for a person to determine if he would enjoy the show.

Yours truly,
Regina Rodenburg

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Dear Chairman Hundt

Federal Communications Commission
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We are offended by indecent T.V.

Content.

(1) Please change your policy &
enforce the indecency law.

Please reject the MPAA ratings
(2) proposal & install a system that
rates programming by content.

Thank You.

Joe + Janet Bostany

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February 4, 1997

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Chairman Reed Hundt
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M. Street NW
Washington, DC 20554
Dear Chairman Hundt:

The purpose of this letter is to urge you strongly to enforce the Broadcast Indecency Laws. The Government has a valid interest in protecting all Americans - adults and children - from indecent programming. In the words of the Supreme Court, there is "a right of the Nation... to maintain a decent society."

With the advent of the V-Chip the FCC must reject the flawed ratings proposed from the Motion Picture Association of America and substitute instead a system that rates programming by content, as parents demand.

May I have your comments?

Very truly yours,
Joseph B. Schmidt

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Chairman Reed Hundt
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January 17, 1997

Dear Mr. Hundt:

I write to you to express my deep concern that the TV industry is missing an excellent opportunity to provide demanding parents who are growing increasingly impatient with enough information on the shows their children watch.

Personally, I don't have the time to sit and watch all the programs with my child. I certainly am not going to let him watch just anything, considering the current vulgar and mindless programs that are being provided, short of the 2 hours daily of educational TV that you are required to provide. Maybe the Motion Picture industries intentional foot dragging on providing a decent ratings system is a God send. With the focus on TV and the motion picture industries obvious attempt to cloud the program content, I now, more than ever involve my child and his friends in activities rather than parking them in front of the tube to get things done. Books and painting are some of their favorite things to do.

The more you resist the more obvious your indifference to the parental concerns becomes. The current age-based rating system does not even begin to provide parents with specific information on the content of the programs, which would enable them to make accurate and meaningful decisions about what is appropriate for their children to watch.

A wide range of influential children's experts -- including Children Now, the American Medical Association, the National Education Association, the American Psychological Association, and the Coalition for America's Children among others -- support a content-based system rather than the proposed age-based one. And two recent polls, by the National PTA and the Media Studies Center, showed that 80% of parents support a descriptive system over a move-ratings system. I absolutely must join the experts and parents in expressing my strong support for a content-based system and I urge you to respect their judgments and add specific content labels to your ratings system.

Signed, One of a growing number of concerned parents.



Sharon Wiebe
8726 S. Utica
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cc: Children Now

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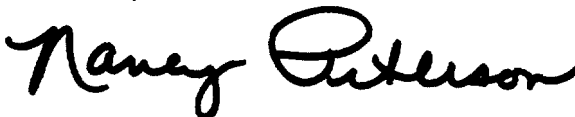
Mr. Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Hundt:

As a parent and educator, I have long been concerned about the quality of programming allowed on television. In view of the lack of interest on the television industries part to regulate itself, parents have been put in the role of being censors. I believe a rating system will control what will be shown to children. TV Parental Guidelines, I believe will go a long way in assisting parents who are concerned over what's available for their child on television. It is my hope that the guidelines will be easy to apply and easily understood by the viewing audience.

Thank you for taking time out of your schedule to read this letter and please consider what I have tried to say when making your decision on the TV Parental Guidelines issue.

Sincerely,



Nancy Peterson

Parent, teacher,

West Fargo Education Association, President and

SE Director for North Dakota Education Association

cc: Senator Kent Conrad

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Chairman Reed Hundt
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1919 M Street, NW
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Dear Mr. Hundt,

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I urge the Federal Communications Commission to enforce the broadcast indecency laws against television stations. I understand that only once in the last two decades has a television station been fined for violating the Broadcast Indecency Law. The fine was dropped after a Federal Court determined wrongly that the Broadcast Indecency Law could not be enforced during TV's prime time.

I want to add that the proposed V-chip is not a substitute for enforcement of the indecency laws.

I strongly urge the FCC to vigorously enforce the laws against television stations that violate the Broadcast Decency Law.

Sincerely,
Joseph Lohmueller

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Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am offended by much of T.V. programming. The Broadcast Indecency law must be enforced.

Everyone both Adults and Children should be protected from indecent programming in order to maintain a decent society. I want the Commission to change its policy and enforce the broadcast indecency law against TV stations.

The FCC must reject the flawed ratings proposal from the Motion Picture Assoc. of America and substitute instead a system that rates by content, as parents demand.

I thank you and may I hear from you soon.

Sincerely,
Loretta O'Brien

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Dear Chairman Hundt,

I urge you to charge the Commission's policy and enforce the broadcast indecency law against TV stations.

With the dawn of the V-Chip, the FCC must reject the flawed ratings proposal from the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) and substitute instead a system that rates programming by content, as parents demand.

In the words of the Supreme Court, there is "a right of the Nation -- to maintain a decent society." Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,
Mrs. Geraldine Casey

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Dear Chairman Hundt:

The government has a valid interest in protecting all Americans - both children and adults - from indecent programming. In the words of the Supreme Court, there is "a right of the Nation . . . to maintain a decent society."

Please change the commission's policy and enforce the broadcast indecency law against TV stations. Past failure in this area is a primary reason why all too much TV programming is offensive.

Also, with the dawn of the V-Chip the FCC must reject the flawed ratings proposal from the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) and substitute instead a system that rates programming by content.

We are "one Nation under God" because our founding fathers said so and because, 200 years later, we the American people, choose to be.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Dear Commissioners:

Please enter my comments into the V-chip docket.

Why even have this system? It is totally unnecessary and confusing. A few days ago, I was watching the popular show "Cops" and just as one of the officers is shoving a suspect into the concrete street, the "TV-PG" rating pops up. Does anyone see the hypocrisy in that?

The best course of action for the FCC to take is get out of the TV program regulating game altogether. FCC's domain is in licensing and enforcing those licensing laws, allocating spectrum, and defining technical standards. FCC does not have adequate staffing to enforce *existing* rules and regulations, so why make that situation worse? The FCC has stepped out of its bounds by having anything to do with this silly scheme. Notice that the FCC does not regulate videotapes or movies, and for the first 50 years of TV, we seemed to do just fine without a rating system.

Furthermore, technology has existed for some years now that would accomplish the same thing as this "V-chip" and without all the silly requirements that normally follow government regulations. JVC made (makes? I don't know if it's still on the market) a TV that had a "Channel Guard" where a particular channel could be blocked to those who didn't know the access code. That's far more preferable than the dumb V-chip because it gives the end-user the ultimate control.

Let's face it, the V-chip was instigated as a purely political move by President Clinton. The market doesn't want it; if it did, it would have appeared a long time ago. Government can't make the market want what it doesn't want.

Sincerely,

Bob Morrow

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Chairman Reed Hundt
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Dear Mr Hundt,

I want you to enforce the Broadcast indecency Laws. The past failure of the F.C.C. to enforce Federal broadcast indecency Law against TV stations is a primary reason why so much TV programing offends all Americans.

I want you to change your policy and enforce the broadcast indecency laws against TV stations.

With the coming of the V-chip, the FCC must reject the flawed ratings proposal from the motion picture association of America and substitute instead a system that rates programing by content as parents Demand.

It is my observation that TV programmers have run out of good impressive stories, so they have to put in something else - like cussing, blasphemy, sex, and disobeying the law and getting away with it.

Yours truly,
Mr. Galen Woodard

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Dear Chairman Hundt,

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I Am Writing

to ask that the FCC enforce the
Broadcast Indecency law. Both children
& adults should be protected from
indecent programming. Your past failure
to enforce the laws are the
reason we have so much TV programming
that is offensive. Also I would like
to see the flawed rating proposal of
the MPAA rejected & a substitute
system that rates programs by content.

Thank you,
CRA ~~Lee~~

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CHAIRMAN REED HUNDT
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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DEAR SIR:

WE ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT TV PROGRAMS WHICH AIR WHEN CHILDREN ARE OBVIOUSLY WATCHING. EVEN THE ADS AND MOVIE PROMOTIONS OR COMING ATTRACTIONS (ARE WE GIVING AWAY OUR AGE?) ON THE MORNING NEWS ARE SOMETIMES OFFENSIVE.

PLEASE ENFORCE THE BROADCAST INDECENCY LAW AGAINST TV STATIONS THAT VIOLATE IT. THE MUCH PUBLICIZED "V-CHIP" IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR ENFORCING THE INDECENCY LAW, NOR IS THE RATING SYSTEM.

RESPECTFULLY,

Phyllis Casey
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